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Various celebrations planned for opening of Talbot Building

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 19, SPH will host an open house so the BU Medical Center community can tour the beautifully renovated Talbot Building.

During the past 18 months, the building has undergone extensive repairs. The outside has been carefully restored and preserved to reflect the structure's original Victorian elegance, and the interior has been completely remodeled to house the seven departments of SPH. The electrical and plumbing systems have been replaced. Hundreds of new windows – faithful to the design of the originals – have been installed, and two staircases and 13 fireplaces have been carefully restored.

The open house is only one of several celebrations being planned. On Friday, Oct. 24, BU President Jon Westling and other dignitaries will officially open the building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a gala reception and tours of the building conducted by SPH staff and representatives from Stahl Associates, the architects who restored the building. Later that month, SPH alumni will hold their annual breakfast in the building. And in December, SPH students, faculty and staff will celebrate the holidays with a housewarming party.

Built in 1876, the Talbot Building is the oldest building on the BU Medical campus and a dominant example of Queen Anne architecture in the South End.

It will house SPH administration and faculty offices, conference rooms and a media resource room. It will also include a BankBoston ATM and BMC administration offices. The official address of the Talbot Building is 715 Albany St.

Look for updates on the open house in the December *MedCenter News*. For more information, call 638-4640. ♦

Two unions vote to ratify contracts

On Friday, Oct. 10, BMC representatives announced that union members of AFSCME and Local SEIU-285 voted overwhelmingly to ratify their new two-year contracts. Agreement on these contracts had been reached earlier in the month.

As part of the agreement, union members accepted enhanced health insurance benefits, additional holiday compensation and increased wages. The ratified contract ensures that BMC will retain the operational flexibility needed to continue to provide high quality patient care.

Included in these two unions are service professionals and technical personnel. Together they represent nearly 1,400 BMC employees.

"We are pleased to have reached this fair and equitable agreement," says Pat Webb, vice president of Human Resources at BMC. "This agreement allows us to continue to provide the highest quality of care to our patients." ♦